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U.S. Patent Nos.

4,632,100
5,207,679
5,395,372*
5,411,523
5,584,860
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Applicant's attorney notes that the patents that are designated with an asterisk, "**", were cited in a European Search Report issued in connection with applicant's corresponding European application (i.e., EP 04 25 3819). With reference to the attached copy of the aforesaid European Search Report, applicant's attorney also notes that U.S. Patent Publication No.

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The remaining patents (i.e., U.S. Patent Nos. 4,632,100, 5,207,679, 5,411,523, 5,584,860) were cited during the prosecution of co-pending co-owned U.S. patent application having U.S. Serial No 10/112,618, entitled "Threaded Cable Anchor". In this regard, it is noted that this co-pending application was previously cited to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the present application by way of the Information Disclosure Statement filed August 9, 2004.

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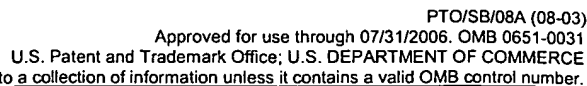
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